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PARIS PASS CROWE AND REES, USDELS TO SRI LANKA AID GROUP

1. IN LOOKING OVER DRAFT US STATEMENTS FOR SRI LANKA AID GROUP, WE NOTE TWO THEMES WHICH WE THINK SHOULD BE ELIMINATED OR DOWN-PLAYED:

A. END OF FIRST PARA OF MACDONALD'S "OPENING STATEMENT" REFERS TO SIGNIFICANT (ECONOMIC) ACTIONS OF CURRENT GOVERNMENT "ENTAILING SOME DOMESTIC POLITICAL RISK -- RISKS WHICH PRECEDING GOVERNMENTS HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO ASSUME." STATE ADVISES DELETION OF PHRASE FOLLOWING TWO DASHES (LAST NINE WORDS). WE DO NOT WISH TO DIRECTLY COMPARE RELATIVE SOUNDNESS OF ECONOMIC POLICY OF DIFFERENT

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MEASURES TAKEN BY PRESENT GSL SHOULD, HOWEVER, STAND.

B. INTERSPERSED THROUGH TEXTS ARE REFERENCES TO NEED FOR "COMPRESSION" REAL WAGES I.E. FOR URBAN WORKERS. THIS IS STICKY DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE IN WHICH WE SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED. WE WOULD PREFER THAT TEXT PUT EMPHASIS ON POSITIVE NOTE, EG. "INCENTIVES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS SHOULD BE INCREASED," OR "NON-ESSENTIAL CONSUMPTION SHOULD BE CURTAILED." RUSH

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